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AN AGED SINGER.

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They say my voice is broken, that I sing the songs too slow,
That I quaver on the high notes, am uncertain on the low;
Ah! well, I cannot tell, but if my voice have lost its art,
The melody is beautiful; I'm singing in my heart.

But they, they do not hear it. With their dull ears of clay,
How can THEY catch the anthem that is swelling there away?
Though I think that God and angels, low stooping from above,
Oft listen to the music there—the low, sweet song of love.

And sometimes in a meeting, where I shall be ere long,
A multitude innumerable—a white-robed joyous throng,
Earth cannot match the sweetness of the notes when I shall sing
The triumph of the Lamb of God—The praises of the King.

OLD BOOKS.

We have some old books—among them one with the following title: "The History of the Rise, Increase and Progress of the Christian People called Quakers, with several Remarkable Occurrences intermixed. Written originally in Low Dutch, and also translated into English, by William Sewel. The third edition, corrected. Burlington, New Jersey. Printed and sold by Isaac Collins. MDCCCLXXIV." Consequently about 114 years old. It is a folio in size, and contains 840 pages, including Preface and Index, and is printed in clear, large type, with side notes.

It is wonderful how much these people endured in the early stages of their history, persecutions, robbery, and murder, not for any crimes, but mostly because they refused to pay tithes to established churches and their ministers, in which these people took no interest; and also because they declined to swear on the book, inside of which they were commanded to "Swear not at all." And all this was done in the name of religion! all the principal denominations then in existence [the Methodists had not as yet sprung up], taking part in it, and some of them behaving more like fiends than human beings, leaving out their profession as christian ministers. It were well if no such spirit still exists. There are some who assert that salvation can be had only in their way. It is not worth while to contend with such.

"THE CASKET, or Flowers of Literature, Wit and Sentiment," for 1830, 1832, 1833, 1835 and 1836, containing many engravings of noted places in and about Philadelphia, Portraits, colored Fashion Plates, which look comical to modern eyes. S. C. Atkinson, publisher.

We will take pleasure in showing any of these books.

"Get up from the floor, my dear," commanded a mother the other day, as her little two-year old daughter planked herself down upon the carpet. "I won't," replied the little one. "I shall punish you if you say that again," said the mother, in severe tones. "You tant," was the retort, with a defiant smile. "Tause I'se sittin' on ze place you spank!"

London is said to have a population of 3,382,449, Philadelphia a population of 847,170.

A CITY CAR INCIDENT.—An elderly woman with a basket, and not very stylishly dressed, stepped into a full car. No one offered her a seat. Directly two young women, in "full dress," tip-toed in, and seats were at once proffered to them. The old woman's countenance darkened, and looking at them she blurted out, "If I had had a big bustle behind, and cotton stuffings before, I could have got a seat, too." This caused a good deal of hilarity, and the young women embraced the first opportunity to leave the car, when the old woman got a seat. The only addition we make to this, is to say that the language she used was much plainer, and more emphatic, than we have employed.

The population of the world is estimated to be 1,483,000,000! of which China has 400,000,000; Africa, 197,000,000; our continent, 80,000,000. While the land surface of Europe is less than half as great as that of North America, her population is four times as great. In China, Japan and India, and the best parts of Europe, nearly two-thirds of the human race are grouped on about one-twentieth of the land area of the globe. These facts go to show the possibilities of our ability to support a population greater than that of Europe.

An exchange says a practical revivalist, preaching out west, requested all the congregation that paid their debts to rise. There was a general rise. After they had taken their seats a call was made for those who didn't pay, when one poor, solitary individual arose and explained that he was a country editor, and couldn't pay, because the rest of the congregation owed him on subscriptions!

A Rev. gentleman, it is said, in a New England town, has been relieved of his pulpit, because of his persistence in smoking a pipe. If all clergymen who smoke, or otherwise use the filthy weed, were thus relieved, there would be numerous vacancies.

The good Book teaches that "not that which entereth into the mouth, but that which proceedeth out of the mouth, defileth the man." We presume the people of that day hadn't yet learned the use of tobacco, as it defiles both ways.

According to an old superstition of the medical church, whenever a cock crows, a lie is being told. The reason that cocks crow so persistently in the early morning hours is because the morning papers are being "set up" about that time.

The adage of "It takes a thief to catch a thief," is not highly complimentary to the detective.

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At the 15th annual meeting of the Haddonfield Mutual Building and Loan Association recently, the following-named officers were elected: Adrian Paul, Pres.; J. L. Rowand, Sec.; John H. Lippincott, Jr., Treas'r; Directors, A. C. Paul, John H. Lippincott, Jr., A. W. Clement, Ellwood Braddock, Geo. D. Stuart, Edward Huston, S. A. Willits, W. S. Hart, Howard Clement, J. A. J. Sheets, Jacob Fowler and Fred'k Sutton.

The Association is reported to be well managed, and very successful in its finances and general business.

At a late election for Trustees of the Methodist E. Church in Haddonfield, the following-named persons were chosen: Alfred Ludlow, Thomas Hollinshed and Wm. S. Hart, for 3 years; R. W. Budd, Benj. R. North and Colwell Baker, for two years; and Henry Ludlow, F. S. Young and Samuel R. Mathuck, for one year.

Wm. D. Bates, who died last week, was said to be the oldest man in Haddonfield, being in his 86th year. It was said in some of the newspapers that he was the founder of Batesville. This is a mistake, as it was his wife's father who was the founder of that somewhat notorious village. He was the father of Robert Bates, who runs the liquor saloon in Batesville, which is a kind of suburb to Haddonfield, though in a different county. It is just across a little creek, and approached by Ellis st.

JOHN A. J. SHEETS, who died so suddenly on last Sunday, had not been in very good health for some time, yet on the morning of that day, seemed to be in about his usual condition. The daughter, who died the day before, had been a sufferer a long time, and it is thought her death might have been so sad a loss to him as to accelerate his own death. He was a prominent resident of the borough, and identified himself with its interests, though carrying on business in Philadelphia as a lumber merchant. He will be much missed.

Edw. C. Webster and family have returned to their home here for the summer.

As a part of our daily promenade, we recently selected Euclid avenue, on which quite a little village has sprung up near West End avenue, and additional buildings advancing. In case any one should not know where Euclid avenue is, we may state that it runs west from the turnpike, past Willits & Co.'s board yard, crossing the Railroad, and parallel with Main street, to West End avenue.

"O, the cold, the cruel winter, O, the long, the dreary winter."

FARES on the Railroad are to raised all along the line on the 1st of March. Tickets between Haddonfield and Philadelphia and return are to be 31 cts., instead of 30, and no yearly tickets. This will be hard for some who use the road, if not ruinous.

We learn that the Public Library is to be formally opened, on Tuesday evening next, on which occasion Dr. Stevenson will deliver an address.

The mutilation of our beautiful trees by cutting off their heads, is in bad taste. Trees are a protection against both fire and lightning.

A Parade of the Haddonfield Fire Company was announced to take place lately, but had to be postponed on account of not having received some apparatus, the manufacturer having failed to come up to time in his contract. The Parade will take place as soon after the apparatus is received as arrangements can be made for it.

The officers of this Company are: Wm. J. Boning, Pres.; Geo. A. Foelker, Vice-Pres.; Chas. R. Stevenson, Sec'y; J. Morris Roberts, Treas.; D. C. Newman Collins, Foreman. Trustees: Hon. John Clement, Sam'l Wood, Sam'l A. Willits, Charles H. Hillman, J. Morris Roberts. Contributing members pay \$1 a year, of which there were 61, and 56 active members, on the 1st of Jan. 1888.

The N. Jersey Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will meet in Camden, the 14th of March, when numerous changes will be made among its ministers. Among them, Rev. Mr. Pittinger, having served the full limit of three years in Haddonfield, will necessarily have to be transferred to some other field of labor, and some other man will be appointed to take his place.

The late revival services, at this church, resulted in an addition of thirty-four new members.

The Camden County Branch of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals met a few days ago in the Town Hall, at which near forty new members were added. It is reported to be in a flourishing condition, both actively and financially. 26 cases had been acted upon, and five convictions obtained in court.

At a meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union last Tuesday, in Wilkins' Hall, at which Mrs. Willard presided, resolutions of sympathy were adopted and ordered to be sent to Mrs. Sheets, on the loss by death of her husband and daughter, Mrs. Sheets being a member of the Union.

Mrs. Schlecht, being in Camden recently, slipped upon the ice, fell, and broke her arm, but is doing well, with a fair prospect of its being speedily healed.

The Young Peoples' Christian Endeavor Society of the Baptist Church, gave a Socialable last Thursday ev'g. Having no card of admission, we can give no particulars.

A Photographer, we understand, has started business back of Clement & Griffin's Store, on Centre st. He should advertise in the Basket.

Lovett's Guide to Fruit Culture for Spring of 1888, gives especial attention to small Fruits and to Fruit and Nut-bearing Trees. Little Silver, N. J.

The American Agriculturist has a very fine engraving of the late David W. Judd, who died on the 6th ult., age, 50. He was the President of the Orange Judd Co., by which the Am. Agriculturist is published. There is also a fine engraving of an Eagle feeding its young.

DIED.

In Haddonfield, on the 19th February, WILLIAM D. BATES, in the 86th year of his age. Interred in the Baptist Cemetery. Rev. Mr. Murray and Chas. Rhoads officiated at the funeral.

On Saturday, 25th ult., in Haddonfield, CARRIE E. SHEETS, daughter of John A. J. and Rachel T. Sheets, in the 31st year of her age. Funeral Thursday, March 1st, at 11 o'clock. Interment private.

On the 26th ult., in Haddonfield, suddenly, JOHN A. J. SHEETS, (father of the above-named Carrie, in the 60th year of his age. Funeral on Thursday, March 1st, at 11 o'clock. Interment private.

On the 27th ult., SARAR C., wife of A. P. Vandergrift, of Haddonfield. Funeral on Friday, March 2, at 3 P. M., at the Baptist Church.

On the 28th ult., JAMES WALKER, of Haddonfield. Interred at Camden Cemetery last Tuesday.